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**Fun in  
the "Son"  
Chapel  
offers  
kids a  
day at  
the  
"beach"**



photos by Airman 1st Class Jason J. Ide

Rhea Polosky (top photo) gets a shovel full of goldfish while her friend Brittany King eats a cup cake during snack time. Chris Judd (left) and Natalie Burrell (right) act out their parts during story time. Lauren Casey (back) and Masahira Yomakura (front) decorate flower pots in the craft tent. These were just some of the activities sponsored by the Chapel during the recent "Sonlight Island" Vacation Bible School. For more about this event see page 5.

## Air operations centers forge international cooperation

### Deployment begins in Hungary, Poland

by Jack Rankin  
ESC Public Affairs

Air Sovereignty Operations Centers are on schedule to be installed in Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Romania this Fall.

Developed by Electronic Systems Center, this air surveillance automation system will also be installed in Slovakia and Slovenia.

The system has completed its formal qualification testing at Lockheed-Martin Tactical Defense Systems, Eagan, Minn., and installation, check-out, familiarization and on-site system demonstration tasks have begun in Hungary and Poland.

Their ASOCs will become fully operational in early October, followed by the Czech Republic and Romania in November.

Systems in Slovakia and Slovenia will be operational in 1999.

The six nations will each receive identical systems under the terms of a multi-year contract awarded to Lockheed-Martin in May 1997.

"The \$10.5 million ASOC contract, implemented through multiple Foreign Military Sale cases, with ESC as the program management agency, provides data processing and display equipment system maintenance and logistics support to each nation," said Col. Edward Watts, ESC's Director of International Operations.

"Each nation has accepted the ESC-designed air sovereignty architecture outlined in the Regional Airspace Initiative and has agreed to construct the facility to house the ASOC. They will also provide radar plot and track data and communications links to adjacent, ASOC-participating countries on a reciprocal basis," Watts said.

ESC and Slovenia recently co-hosted the fourth ASOC Regional Working Group in Bled, Slovenia (June 16-19), a key element in the overall administration of the program, according to Glen Townsend, ASOC Program Manager at the Center.

Delegates from the U.S., Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia were in attendance, as well as representatives from

NATO.

"These semi-annual forums are an important factor in the success of the ASOC program," Townsend said. "They give each country's ASOC program managers and administrators the opportunity to discuss and work-out critical issues face-to-face."

"Coincidentally, the first on-site test of the Hungarian ASOC took place during the Bled working group meeting. We installed the ASOC software and integrated it into the existing Hungarian command and control structure. It worked perfectly."

"The timing could not have been better. The success of this initial effort gave the entire group a strong sense of just how good a system the ASOC is and what they can look forward to once their own installations are complete," Townsend said.

#### ASOC Structure

Air Sovereignty Operations Centers are air surveillance centers which use commercial computer components to generate a real-time, military air situation display.

They aid in data transfer, provide a comprehensive recognized air picture in each country and establish the technical conditions necessary for the integration of military and civilian control in peacetime.

ASOCs are capable of instantaneous exchange of military and civilian air traffic information with neighboring nations. Each system will support the sharing of aircraft tracking information and comprehensive radar data with neighboring ASOCs. This will enable participating nations to monitor, defend and control their own sovereign airspace.

ASOCs are fully interoperable with each country's existing national airspace management systems. They are also structured to support future system expansion of air defense functions, including weapons control, an airborne early warning interface and the ability to distribute the air picture to remote locations.

ASOCs will use EUROCONTROL and NATO interface standards for interoperability and provide the ability to exchange the air picture with national systems, other ASOCs and NATO. The systems also

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# Straight Talk

Straight Talk provides two-way communication between Hanscom's 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to com-

municate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant — they're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, or are unable to solve the problem, please call the Straight Talk hot line at 3-3732.



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## A bumpy start

**Q** I understand everyone must now use 1-888-999-5195 to schedule an appointment at the Base Clinic. When I called this number, I was put on hold for 17 minutes. She told me that the system was not up and running and took my name and number and all the pertinent information and would call me back at a later date. I asked when they would be up and running, she said she didn't know.

I'd like to know why the system is not up and running. Thank you.

**A** You're not the only one having a problem ... TRICARE in our region, Region 1, is off to a bumpy start. Sierra Military Health Services, our contractor, is on a steep learning curve to understand the medical appointment system and referral process for the entire region.

The Hanscom Clinic staff is working diligently with the Region 1 Lead Agent and Sierra to resolve these problems. During this time of change, the Hanscom Clinic is here for you...no one will be turned away for care. We'll do all we can to minimize the inconvenience for you.

To answer any further questions you may have, please refer to the TRICARE article on page 3.

Thanks for the great Straight Talk.

## Time to sleep in

**Q** Good morning. Today there was someone weedwacking out in the parking lot, in front of our home, at 6:45 a.m. My neighbors and I feel that this is too early, since we have children that are still sleeping.

I know that you recently ran a Straight Talk article referencing mowing early in the morning on the weekends, but I was wondering if this could be a weekday policy, as well.

Thank you very much for your time.

**A** That's a great suggestion! Our grounds supervisors have been briefed that the 9 a.m. weekend policy has been extended to include weekdays, as well.

We know how important it is for our children to sleep in late in the morning!

By the way, I'd like to take a moment to give a hearty thanks to John Smith, the grounds foreman; Mr. Richie Martino, Assistant Chief of our grounds crews and the rest of their crew for their hard work and dedication. They work diligently six days a week in the rain and blistering heat to keep our base looking its best. As a matter of fact, recent distinguished visitors have praised how beautiful the base looks.

Thanks, also, to all of you who keep Hanscom looking

beautiful and thanks for the Straight Talk ... have a great summer.

## What happened to my promotion?

**Q** I have a question regarding the publicity of the promotion releases. We've recently had master sergeant, technical sergeant and major releases. However, these happenings have not been published in the *Hansconian*. I was wondering if this is no longer going to take place.

**A** We're glad you asked ... the major selectee list was released on a Thursday which meant the list wasn't available until after the paper went to press. That's why the list was published in the *Hansconian* a week after the list became public.

On the other hand, the technical sergeant and master sergeant lists were also released on a Thursday and we should have ran these lists the following week. Unfortunately, we didn't and to correct this mistake, we ran the lists along with the major list last week.

We're sorry for the mix-up, thanks for the feedback ... it really helps us put out the news people need and want.

## People First: JROTC offers opportunities for high school students, retirees

From high-school students through retirees, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps offers opportunities to influence young people as they embark on their careers.

JROTC was founded in 1911 in Cheyenne, Wyo., by Army Lt. Edgar R. Steevers. He envisioned a high-school cadet corps that would make better citizens by teaching young men the advantages of having strong bodies and minds, the value of self-control and the importance of community service.

Eighty-seven years later, Air Force JROTC continues the tradition

of "Building Better Citizens for America," with 609 units worldwide, and 99,625 cadets, including 43,485 females.

Today's JROTC helps high school cadets become better citizens and leaders by instilling the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. The cadets can learn about jobs in the Air Force and opportunities for the future, or if college-bound can compete for Air Force Academy nominations or Air Force ROTC scholarships.

Air Force JROTC would not be



possible without the dedication of Aerospace Science instructors. JROTC offers the opportunity of a second career to retired Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers as instructors. Instructors are involved in the community, teach aerospace science and leadership educa-

tion curricula, serve as liaisons between the Air Force and civilian agencies in the aerospace field and perform career and performance counseling for cadets.

Instructor applicants must have at least 15 years' active-duty service and be retired no more than four years

from the date of application. People on active duty may apply within six months of retirement.

For eligibility specifics or to apply, call the Air Force ROTC Instructor Management Section at (800) 522-0033, ext. 5300/2660/2675/5275; DSN: 493-5300/2660/2675/5275; email [doji2@aol.com](mailto:doji2@aol.com), or write to HQ AFROTC/DOJI, 551 East Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 36112-6106. Information about Air Force JROTC or instructor opportunities can be found at <http://www.afboats.af.mil/afboats/junior>.

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To purchase a display ad call Ann Reynolds at 978-371-5723.

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Business and rental ads are available for a fee. Call (781) 433-7940.

To place an ad, first complete a classified ad form. Forms are available in the ESC Public Affairs Office, Bldg.

1606, Room 109, or through the LAN at: X:\ESC-PA\Classify.doc.

Next, mail the form through BITC to ESC/PA, fax a copy to Theresa Feely at 3-5077 or hand-carry it to the above location. Deadline is 9 a.m. Friday.

For more information, call the Hansconian office at 3-3912.

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# TRICARE: *The first 30 days*

by **Capt. Melanie Carino**  
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TRICARE in Region 1 was implemented June 1. TRICARE is a major shift in both health care delivery and health care access for eligible beneficiaries.

Changes of this magnitude do not happen without some bumps and confusion along the way. Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE Region 1 contractor, is on a steep learning curve to understand the military health care delivery system for an entire region, not just the Hanscom area. This includes learning the Army, Navy, and Air Force medical systems and ways of doing business.

During the last month, some beneficiaries have encountered problems with the medical appointment system and referral processes. Since June 1, beneficiaries must call 1-888-999-5195 to obtain appointments to the Hanscom Clinic.

Problems beneficiaries faced upon dialing the toll free number included busy phone lines, long waits on hold, promised return calls that were never returned, and confusing information on where beneficiaries can obtain care. Will these problems continue forever? No. Rest assured your Hanscom Clinic Staff is doing all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible. They continue to interface with the Lead Agent and Sierra to alleviate the problems our beneficiaries are experiencing.

TRICARE is more than a program for delivering health care, it is a philosophy for how health care should be delivered — the right care, at the right place, at the right time. Under TRICARE, medical treatment facilities, such as the Hanscom Clinic, remain the central location for most health care. Through the establishment of civilian provider networks around MTFs, TRICARE ensures beneficiaries have access to specialty medical care the MTF may not provide.

There are three different TRICARE plans to choose from: Prime, Extra, and Standard. Each plan has different cost shares and degrees of freedom for choosing a health care provider. For most beneficiaries, Prime is the best option. Prime enrollees have priority access to the Hanscom Clinic over non-Prime enrollees. But every family is different. Education becomes the key to TRICARE success and getting the right care for your family. Contact a Beneficiary Services Representative through the toll free 1-888-999-5195 number or stop by the TRICARE Service Center, Bldg. 1605, at Hanscom for an individual session with a Customer Service Representative. While the bugs in this new program are eliminated, the Hanscom Clinic Staff continues to work diligently with the Region 1 Lead Agent and Sierra to resolve these problems. The Hanscom Clinic is here for you. If you continue to have problems contact the Hanscom Clinic Patient Advocate at 3-5009.

ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBERS	TRICARE Prime E1 thru E4	TRICARE Prime E5 and above	TRICARE Extra	TRICARE Standard
Annual Deductible	None	None	\$150 individual/ \$300 family for E5 and above; \$50/\$100 for E4 and below	\$150 individual/ \$300 family for E5 and above; \$50/\$100 for E4 and below
Civilian Outpatient Visit	\$6/visit	\$12/visit	15% of negotiated fee	20% of allowable charges
Civilian Inpatient Admission	\$11/day (\$25 maximum)	\$11/day (\$25 maximum)	Greater of \$25 or \$9.90/day	Greater of \$25 or \$9.90/day
Civilian Inpatient Mental Health	\$20/day	\$20/day	\$20/day	\$20/day

RETIRES AND THEIR FAMILIES	TRICARE Prime	TRICARE Extra	TRICARE Standard (Standard CHAMPUS)
Annual Deductible	None	\$150 individual/ \$300 family	\$150 individual/ \$300 family
Annual Enrollment Fee	\$250/individual \$460/family	None	None
Civilian Provider Copays: • Outpatient visit • Emergency care • Mental health visit	\$12 \$30 \$25	20% of negotiated fees	25% of allowable charges
Civilian Inpatient Cost Share	\$11/day (\$25 maximum)	Lesser of \$250/day or 25% of billed charges plus 20% of allowed professional fees	Lesser of \$360/day or 25% of billed charges plus 25% of allowed professional fees
Civilian Inpatient Mental Health	\$40/day	20% of institutional professional charges	Lesser of \$137/day or 25% of institutional and professional charges

## Secretary sends holiday message

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The following is an Independence Day message from Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen:



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen

"Two hundred and twenty-two years ago a small band of colonists shook the world with the most powerful of assertions. They called themselves Americans and their Declaration of Independence boldly proclaimed that freedom is not a privilege but a right. Turning that rhetoric into reality required sacrifice on battlefields from Concord to Yorktown.

"Preserving that freedom in the 222 years since has required the perseverance of all the American people, the power of our ideals and the dedication of our men and women in uniform.

"You, our military men and women, are indeed America's guardians. We entrust to you the heartbeat of our nation, the security of our citizens. You risk life and limb with courage and fortitude so that our citizens can enjoy their lives, their liberty and pursue their happiness. Your selfless sacrifice reminds all Americans that freedom comes at a great cost.

"You are not only the pride of our nation, you are respected throughout the world, for you are more than warriors, you are ambassadors. You reflect and teach values and virtues wherever duty takes you. Indeed, because of who you are and what you represent, even people in the most far-flung corners of the world know that the sight of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines means freedom. And in making the world safer, you make America more secure.

"On this most American of holidays, let us not only celebrate the liberties we enjoy as Americans, let us also celebrate those who have defended these liberties. I extend to you and your families America's eternal gratitude for your service and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we celebrate today."

### Correction

An American Forces Press Service article titled "DoD child-care fees to increase" ran in last week's *Hansconian* incorrectly stated that "installations may reduce fees up to 20 percent for each additional child from the same family."

While that reduction is an option at Army installations, it is not a provision at Air Force installations, according to Lt. Col. Susan Houston of the headquarters Services Office. We apologize for the error.

## Blue Team offers top medical care for pilots and families

by **Celeste Brooks**  
66th Air Base Wing

The 66th Medical Group Blue Team consists of one primary care manager, Lt. Col. Antonia Silva-Hale, who is supported by six technicians, Tech. Sgt. Michael Lupo, Staff Sgt. James Boshonek, Senior Airman Jammie McLean, Senior Airman Bill Johnston, Senior Airman Ragan Posey and Airman 1st Class Erin Moore.

Dr. Silva-Hale is a flight surgeon and board-certified in internal medicine. She is a member of the American College of Physicians, Society of Air Force Physicians, and Society of Aerospace Medicine. She has been an Assistant Professor of Medicine since 1984 with the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Silva-Hale graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine and completed internal medicine residency at St. Louis University Medical Center. She served at Fort Polk, LA and Andrews Air Force Base prior to her arrival at Hanscom in July 1995.

Silva-Hale chose the medical field because she felt it

would be the most challenging, and she chose internal medicine because she felt it would be the most gratifying.

"I think that's very important," she said. "I could do research or be a geneticist, but the gratification of seeing somebody and being able to make them feel better ... that can't be matched."

Silva-Hale was also motivated by a desire to make her parents proud. "I thought that there would be nothing more rewarding for my parents than to see one of their children graduate from medical school. The look on their faces the day I graduated from school, the pride ..." It was a day she will forever remember.

For the first eight years of her Air Force career, Silva-Hale practiced internal medicine until she went to a base that needed a flight medicine doctor. She made the switch and for the last six years has remained hooked.

"Flight medicine allows me to practice internal medicine, and at the same time have some fun taking care of the healthy population. I get to do prevention, I get to keep them healthy to fly," she said. In fact, preventive care and internal medicine are now tied for her favorite

part of her job. She is even in charge of the prevention committee.

"What we're doing now with the yearly preventive health assessments is something Flight Medicine has been doing all along," she said. "We've always worked at heading off health problems with the pilots, and now we're doing that with the rest of the Air Force as well."

Silva-Hale treats the 150 flyers assigned to the base as well as their families.

"And even though I'm the only doctor on the blue team, the children on the blue team can also be seen by Dr. Coleman and Maj. Ritrovato. I love seeing the children, but I am very grateful for the expertise and support of Dr. Coleman and Maj. Ritrovato," Silva-Hale said.

Public Health, the Health and Wellness Center, and Bioenvironmental Engineering also fall under Silva-Hale as part of the Aerospace Medicine Team, which also is famous for giving out the flu shots given every year.

"If any flyers or their families have any questions, they can call us directly at 3-4719," said Silva-Hale. "Our doors are always open."

# Boston Air Show at Hanscom features civilian daredevils

by Roy Heitman  
ESC Public Affairs

Ian Groom brings his aerobatic magic to a return engagement at Hanscom Air Force Base for the Boston Air Show, Aug. 1 and 2.

Groom's Fujifilm Sukhoi SU-31 will be joined by Steve Oliver in the Pepsi DeHaviland Chipmunk, and Kent Gorton in the Toyota Extra 300 as part of nearly six hours of aerial action.

The featured and final event both days will be the appearance of the Navy's Blue Angels. Now flying the F/A-18 Hornet, the team has thrilled audiences since its formation in 1946.

"The variety of family attractions we'll have this year is truly amazing," said Air Show Director Col. Peggy Shaw. "In addition to the civilian acts and the Blue Angels, visitors will be able to see two performances by the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and the Ninth Air Force F-16 fighter demonstration."

Piloted by Maj. Rich Duckworth, the F-16 Fighting Falcon is one of the Air Force's premier fighter aircraft.

A representative of the first aircraft to be assigned to Hanscom, the P-40 Warhawk, will also perform aerobatic maneuvers, as will what was prob-

ably the plane assigned here the longest, the T-6 Texan.

A variety of Warbirds will stage flybys during the air show. They will be joined by the modern F-117A Nighthawk stealth fighter, the C-17 Globemaster III, B-52 Stratofortress and C-5 Galaxy.

"We plan on having nearly 50 modern planes on static display, plus another 15 vintage aircraft," Shaw said. "Air show guests will be able to look closely at all of them and in many cases actually go on board."

Showcasing the development and acquisition expertise of Electronic Systems Center will be the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System and the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System on the flight line and a number of exhibits inside the hangars.

Air show officials recommend that visitors bring lawn chairs to the event as seating is extremely limited. A variety of concessions will be available throughout the show area.

Gates open at 8 a.m. both days and close at 5 p.m., and admission and parking are free. Recorded air show information is available at (781) 377-5287.

To reach the air show, take either exit 30 or 31 off Route 128/95 and follow the signs.



photo courtesy of Ian Groom airshows



photo courtesy of Kent Gorton

World renown acts such as Ian Groom in his Sukhoi SU-31 (above) and Kent Gorton in a Toyota Extra 300 (left) will dazzle spectators with aerial stunts as part of nearly six hours of aerial action. Flybys and aerobatic displays of both vintage and modern Warbirds such as the P-40 Warhawk and the F-117A Nighthawk and a performance by the Navy's Blue Angels will also appear at the Boston Air Show at Hanscom.

## How would you like a Boston Air Show hat and t-shirt?

The Air Show Executive Committee needs 15 volunteers to help set up tents and chairs during the days leading up to the show. Volunteers will receive limited edition Boston Air Show hats and t-shirts. Mobility trained personnel are preferred, but a good attitude is the primary qualification. If interested, please contact Dennis Cronin at 3-7933.



# Chapel Vacation Bible School Draws Even The Skunks!

by Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Smith  
Chapel

The chapel's much anticipated summer Vacation Bible School attracted many families from various backgrounds this past week.

The program entitled Welcome to Sonlight Island was based on the theme of inviting people to bask in the "sonlight" of God's love as described in the well-known Bible chapter I Corinthians 13 - the chapter on love. Daily attendance averaged nearly 300 participants including invited and uninvited guests!

The heavy rains Monday night actually increased attendance at the VBS. The VBS staff had a Rain Plan (Operation Noah), but still were not fully prepared for all the new families the rain brought to the chapel grounds.

When one rain soaked teacher approached her tent to prepare for the day's activities, she met one of the new families ... a mother skunk and her family of five baby skunks! The mother skunk apparently heard of all the great things going on at the VBS and decided to bring her own children in out of the rain into a warm, dry tent. Civil Engineers came to the rescue, safely removing the family without incident and the fun continued.

The four-day event was structured around centers located in the tents. In these tent centers, activities such as Bible stories were wonderfully told and acted out.

Delicious homemade refreshments for the kids plus some special goodies for the faculty, songs in the music center, arts and crafts projects for each child, and energetic beach games for the seemingly tireless attendees offered a variety of entertainment.

The children were divided into groups of sea animals - such as dolphins and whales, and, as a group, rotated from center to center every 20 minutes. One child commented, "The songs and the stories all go together ... I am beginning to see that now!" Each day had a theme around which the stories, songs, refreshments, and discussions revolved.

Each day, children took home a beach bag full of arts and craft projects, Bible lesson pieces and other mementos of the school. Kids packed the chapel each morning at 9 a.m. in their Sonlight island t-shirts and had a grand three hours of fun, learning, laughing and growing in their understanding of God's world and love.

Thanks to all the volunteers for your dedication and commitment to our children here. You have given to each child a bit of God's warmth and love through your own lives and work! Thank you, parents, for bringing your children to Sonlight Island.



photo by Amity Smith  
Lyndsey Captain (left) and Rachel Burrell (middle) playing on the "beach" while 2nd Lt. Rodney Bullard watches from "shore."



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ide  
Jen Ra "Candy" Dargan (wearing hat) helps some of the children with their crafts in the craft tent at bible school.



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ide  
Gretchen Ericson (front, facing opposite direction), Michael Laskowski (background) and Delbert Hayes (right) play games with the children at the "beach party."



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ide  
Tech. Sgt. Amy Nicholls (right) and Terika Aiken (left) singing at the song tent at bible school.



photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ide  
Cindy Kadish (background) watches as one of the children does a header with the beach ball during one of the many games played at bible school.



## Higher Education: Savings Bonds tax exclusion makes it possible

*Reprinted from Spacemaker, McClellan Air Force Base, June 4, Courtesy of Debra Schwartz, SM-ALC IPO*

People have been using savings bonds to help finance the cost of higher education for over half a century. The benefits of regular savings, deferral of federal income tax, and exemption from the state and local income tax, combine to make bonds a good choice for any long-term savings goal, especially education.

The education bond program is aimed at helping lower and middle income Americans pay for post-secondary education. If all conditions are met, interest earned on Series EE bonds you purchase on or after Jan 1, 1990, is eligible for a special federal income tax exclusion when you use the bond redemption proceeds for certain higher education expenses.

The bond owner may exclude interest on these bonds from income for federal income tax purposes if the owner pays tuition and required fees at colleges, universities, and qualified technical schools during the year the bonds

are redeemed. Costs of room, board, and books do not qualify as education expenses for this purpose. This exclusion applies to the post-secondary education expenses of the bond owner, his or her spouse, and legal dependent. Since income and other limitations apply, this feature will benefit some, but not all, bond owners. Married couples must file joint returns in order to be eligible for this program.

To qualify for this exclusion, the bonds must be issued in the name of a person who is 24 or older on the first day of the month in which the bonds were purchased. Also, bonds intended for the education for dependent children must be registered in the names of the taxpayer (or taxpayer and spouse) for whom the child is a dependent, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. Bonds issued in the name of a child as owner or co-owner are not eligible for this education tax exclusion, but a child may be named as the beneficiary.

You can exclude interest on bonds from income for federal income tax purposes only if the

qualified tuition and fees you paid during the year are equal to or greater than the redemption proceeds (principal and interest) of the bonds. If tuition and fees are less than the redemption proceeds for the year, the amount you can exclude from income is proportional to the share of the proceeds that you use for tuition and fees. For example, if you are eligible for the full income exclusion and if you redeemed \$10,000 worth of bonds during the year but tuition and fees total only \$8,000, you can exclude 80% of the interest income on the bonds from federal income tax. Income limits apply in the year of redemption of the bonds. For example, the income limits for 1997

were \$76,250 - \$106,250 for married couples filing joint returns and \$50,850 - \$65,850 for single filers. These limits are adjusted annually. *Individuals earning up to and including the minimum threshold are eligible for the full interest exclusion*, and those earning over the maximum limit are not eligible for a tax exclusion, *and those with incomes between the ranges are eligible for a proportionately reduced tax exclusion*. All amounts are modified adjusted gross income, which includes the interest earned on the bonds before exclusion.

You should keep complete records on (1) bonds, including serial numbers, face amounts,

issue dates, redemption dates, the total proceeds received (principal and interest), and the interest received, and (2) expenses, including the name of the educational institution paid, amount of qualified expenses, and the date you paid those expenses.

Get IRS Publication 550, Investment Income and Expenses, Form 8815, Exclusion of Interest From Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989, and IRS Form 8818, Optional Form to Record Redemption of Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989, for detailed information about the rules. These materials, and information on income eligibility, are available from Internal Revenue Service District Offices.



# AF to host Information Technology Conference

by **Darlene Y. Cowsert**

Hq Standard Systems Group Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE-GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. – Keynote speakers including Scott McNealy and Michael Dell, presidents and CEOs of Sun Microsystems Inc., and Dell Computers, respectively, will highlight the 1998 Air Force Information Technology Conference Aug. 31 – Sept. 4 at the Montgomery Civic Center.

The conference is open to all Department of Defense personnel and is designed to bring the computer user community up to date with the efforts of industry and government agencies.

The annual AFITC provides a forum for exchange of information between industry and government concerning the latest in information technology. “Global Information Assurance for the Warfighter” is the theme of the 13th conference, formerly known as the Air Force Small Computer Conference.

Government and industry leaders will present more than 120 seminar sessions and the exhibit floor will contain the latest in information technology from Microsoft, GTSI, Dell, and Micron, among others.

On-line registration for the conference is available at [RTF bookmark start: \_Hlt423482799][RTF bookmark end: \_Hlt423482799]. For additional registration information, call DSN 596-1168; commercial 334-416-1168.

More than 3,000 people are expected to attend the conference, sponsored by Standard Systems Group, an element of Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

SSG is responsible for acquisition, development, and sustainment of standard systems, and provides data processing communications computer systems and capabilities to major commands and Air Force bases around the world.

# 15 students graduate from ALS

by **Staff Sgt. Dawn Daniels**

Airman Leadership School

The Northeast Regional Air National Guard Class 98MA-1, graduated 15 students in a ceremony held at the NCO club on 20 June 1998. Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Wilson, Headquarters Maine Air National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor was the guest speaker. The Northeast Regional Airman Leadership School prepares senior airmen for positions of responsibility by broadening their leadership and management skills, as well as by expanding their perspective of the military profession.

Senior Airman Edward Vaughn of 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, was named the John L. Levitow award winner of Northeast Regional Leadership School class 98MA-1. The Levitow award is given to the ALS student who exemplifies

outstanding academic achievement, demonstrates leadership abilities, maintains an outstanding attitude and military bearing and behavior.

Also tops in their class was distinguished graduate Senior Airman Richard Elliott of 101st Air Refueling Wing Maine ANG and Academic Achievement winner, Senior Airman Juan Roybal of 140th Fighter Wing, Colorado ANG.

Senior Airman Susan Novelty of 140th Fighter Wing, Colorado ANG earned the Commandant's Award, also known as the Leadership Award, which is presented to the ALS student who in the commandant's opinion made significant and unselfish contributions to the overall success of the ALS class. This is to include exceptional class participation and team skills, as well as maintaining a high level of energy and enthusiasm throughout the class. This award recognizes the student possessing the qualities needed for the success of tomorrow's Air Force.

Other ALS graduates included, Senior Airman Charlotte Butler, Senior Airman Brian Prince and Senior Airman Kevin Harrold of 140th Fighter Wing, Colorado ANG; Senior Airman Leomer Domingo (class leader) of 292nd Combat Communications Squadron, Hawaii ANG; Senior Airman Michael Gath of 267th Combat Communications Squadron, Massachusetts; Senior Airman James Harvey of 143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island was also promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant; Senior Airman Daniel Jancsy of 157th Air Refueling Wing, New Hampshire ANG; Senior Airman Allen Beloin of 137th Space Warning Squadron, Colorado ANG; Senior Airman Judy Foley of 166th Airlift Wing Delaware; Senior Airman Dawn Bender of 105th Airlift Wing, New York ANG and Senior Airman Christopher Margarites of 104th Fighter Wing, Mass.

# Cadets hold change of command ceremony

The Hanscom Composite Squadron Cadets held a change of command ceremony June 18 at the Aero club.

Cadet Maj. James Consalvi, the outgoing Cadet Commander, relinquished command of the squadron of 30 cadets to Cadet 2nd Lt. Peter Mullin.

Maj. Michael Stockwell, Chief of Sensor-to-Shooter, presided over the ceremony.

Consalvi served as Cadet Commander from August 1997 to the present and is leaving to enter the U.S. Naval Academy.

The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Its three missions are Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and the Cadet Program. The cadet program is open to all between the ages of 11 and 18 years.

The Hanscom Composite Squadron cadets meet Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Bldg. 1308 at Schilling Circle, near the Hartwell entrance. The cadet program includes aerospace education, orientation flights in CAP and USAF aircraft, emergency services training, leadership, physical training and community service activities. Upcoming activities include a one-week encampment at Otis Air National Guard Base in July, a model rocketry weekend at Fort Devens in August, and guarding aircraft at the Boston Air Show at Hanscom.

For more information about joining the CAP cadet program, attend one of our weekly meetings or call 2nd Lt. Edward Strassberger, CAP, Aero Space Education Officer at (978) 667-0997 or Cadet 1st Sgt. Jon Kulak at 781-740-4269.



## Centers (from page 1)

provide automatic input of flight plans.

All radar interfaces, as well as the interface to existing national command centers, will use the EUROCONTROL data format and all cross-border data exchange from ASOC to ASOC will employ NATO Link 1 data formats.

Each ASOC features 10 operator workstations and is capable of processing 300 plots each radar scan, can manage 300 active flight plans and has the capability to store 2500 flight plans.

Each ASOC will be able to integrate and accept data from up to 18 military and civilian, domestic and foreign radars and sensors.

Facilities to house the ASOC are under construction or renovation in each location and are the responsibility of each nation participating in the ASOC program, including the installation and maintenance of necessary national and international communication links.

### ASOC Support

"A complete ASOC Familiarization Program will be conducted in each country as part of the ASOC contract," said Watts. "It will make each country self-sufficient in ASOC operations and maintenance."

Follow-on ASOC support for a two-year period, provided by Lockheed-Martin, is also an integral part of the ASOC contract.

For the first year, Lockheed-Martin will provide full-time, on-site support to each ASOC nation. The second year of support will be managed through a regional ASOC support office established and staffed by Lockheed-Martin technicians.

### ASOC History

The ASOC program, as part of the Regional Airspace Initiative, is rooted in the January 1994 Prague Summit of NATO heads-of-state. At that time, President Clinton offered American assistance to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia if they would undertake a modernization planning effort to make their air traffic and air sovereignty systems compatible with those of the West.

Clinton's action led to the ESC-developed study called the Regional Airspace Initiative, which outlined the steps each country should take to develop its airspace management.

ESC was chosen for this important endeavor because of its worldwide expertise in developing and acquiring command and control systems for the Air Force, Department of Defense and other foreign military and civilian organizations.

The Department of Defense goals for this international endeavor were fourfold: to provide elements of flight safety; provide international airspace integration; promote re-

gional stability; and to help to build bridges of cooperation and mutual understanding between the participating nations.

The U.S.-proposed systems engineering study was accepted by the four nations at Trencin, Slovakia in January 1995. This was the first step toward regional cooperation and information-sharing.

Following the initial success of the Regional Airspace Initiative with the four nations, Albania, Romania, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined the effort, with Austria participating as an observer.

### ASOC Partnership

"The ASOC program is a model of international cooperation and regional understanding. It provides a common framework to promote regional cooperation," said Townsend.

"It is considered to be one of the most important mechanisms existing today to bring Central and Eastern European airspace management standards in line with those of the West.

"The success of the program is solely due to the partnerships that have been forged between the U.S., each ASOC nation, and its neighbors.

"ASOC modernizes military airspace management in these countries, addresses key regional sovereignty issues and promotes the development of international airspace standards," Townsend said.

This position is strongly shared by the ASOC participating nations, which consider the program to be key to their future airspace management activities.

"We wish to start the NATO accreditation process and to integrate the Air Sovereignty Operations Center into our overall air sovereignty structure," said Major General Henryk Pietrzak, Poland's Country Program Manager for ASOC.

Regional cooperation and understanding was expanded with the exchange of air sovereignty information and the sharing of radar data with bordering nations, according to Townsend, and the program is on track with the four ASOC deliveries this fall.

### ASOC Importance

Each nation recognizes the importance of ASOC and the critical airspace information it will provide once the system is on-line and fully operational.

Romanian officials stress that ASOC is key to creating a fully-integrated air picture of their nation, using their new, three-dimensional radars.

Slovenia's Chief of Air Defense and Air Force, Brigadier Dragan Bavcar concurs. "ASOC is very important to us. It will be

*"We installed the ASOC software and integrated it into the existing Hungarian command and control structure. It worked perfectly."*

**Glen Townsend**  
ASOC Program Manager



the foundation of our air defense system and will have a direct influence on the complete Slovenian command and control structure, Bavcar said.

Slovakian military officials state their intention is to purchase three-dimensional radars to connect ASOC and share with its neighboring states on a reciprocal basis.

### ASOC Expansion

The planned ASOC network will also undergo dramatic system expansion.

The U.S. is providing funding for a Regional Air Surveillance Coordination Center in the Baltics, employing ASOC-derived hardware and software components in to national nodes in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

The RASCC regional center will be in Lithuania.

The RASCC will be a multi-national command center, manned by operators from each Baltic state. The national nodes will provide a capability for each state to control its sovereign air space.

Concurrently, the United States is also seeking Congressional funding to install ASOCs in Bulgaria and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Current plans call for the Baltic RASCC to be operational in 1999, with Bulgaria and FYROM fielding ASOC systems in the year 2000.

### ASOC Commitment

"The intense level of interest and cooperation by each country has been evident since we began the ASOC formal qualification testing," said Townsend.

"Each country was invited to come to Lockheed-Martin's facility in Eagan, Minn. to take part in the testing."

Representatives from all six countries participated in the qualification testing and an aggressive and comprehensive test schedule was developed.

Nineteen procedures, ranging from system capacity and response times to tracking, track data management and track exchange were executed during the formal qualification test phase.

The test exercised the full system configuration, which is completely adaptable to the unique ASOC configurations of each country.

Each participating nation has also approached the most difficult area of ASOC integration with a degree of skill and accomplishment that will significantly contribute to overall program success, said Townsend.

"Each ASOC nation has developed its own programs to digitize the radar plot and track data, as well as flight plans, to be com-

pliant with the ASOC standards. The success in Hungary is evidence of the dedication and hard work each nation is putting forward to make the ASOC program a success," Townsend said.

The development of this software originally posed a significant technical challenge to each nation, and was developed completely in accordance with the technical standards established at the ASOC program's outset.

It demonstrated the ability of each nation to approach ASOC in its own manner and to apply its expertise with modern air traffic control and data systems to the new ASOC system.

### ASOC Cooperation

Once the groundwork for formal contact between the participating nations was established by the U.S., the ASOC countries actively began to meet with each other, independent of the U.S., to formulate their own international agreements.

Each nation is in the process of actively planning or modernizing their own IFF systems to bring them up to International Civil Aviation Organization or NATO standards.

Romania and Hungary are near completion of a formal agreement for sharing both radar and Command and Control data. Slovenia and Hungary have drafted and signed a bi-lateral agreement to share air defense data.

### ASOC Trends

Long-range radars, which will give the military controller in an ASOC country the same high-quality air picture as his civilian counterpart, are high on each country's agenda.

Romania is in the process of installing five FPS-117 radar and Slovenia possesses two TPS-70 radar.

Poland has its own three-dimensional domestic radar capability, Slovakia is currently in the process of formalizing radar installation contracts and the Czech Republic and Hungary have indicated the desire to acquire NATO funding for their own radar upgrades once they are formally admitted to the Alliance.

"ASOC is a model program," said Townsend. "It has opened avenues of international communication that were nonexistent just a few short years ago. It is a state-of-the-art system that will provide a high level of aviation safety to all nations which use Central and Eastern European airspace.

"We are all extremely grateful to these countries for their contributions to international peace and safety."





# DoD schools increase graduation requirements

by **Army Staff Sgt. Alicia K. Borlik**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Department of Defense Education Activity recently increased its high school graduation requirements and will apply them starting with the 1998 to 99 school year..

The class of 2002 will be the first to graduate under the new rules.

Changes include a two-credit increase to 24, and tougher academic standards — more required courses and fewer credits left for electives..

Generally, one full-year course equals one credit and a semester course equals one-half credit. Re-

quired courses will account for 19 and one half of the total credits needed, and the remaining four and one half comprise electives.

DoD increased math and science requirements by one credit each and doubled the half-credit computer technology requirement. The new graduation rules also call for students to have two credits in one foreign language and to spend 20 hours in a service-learning program.

In 1996, the education activity compared its high school graduation requirements with those of stateside civilian schools. Surveyors found a gap of up to six credits, said Jane A. Ware, DoDEA service-learning coordinator. Most stateside schools set the bar at 24 credits, but some de-

manded as many as 28.

Ware said some students ran into problems when they transferred to a stateside school that required more credits than their previous DoD school. Transferring seniors, for instance, sometimes needed more credits to graduate than they could complete in a year. She said that problem was a major reason for the change.

In choosing where to increase credits, DoD looked at what would benefit students most, Ware said. She said math and science were obvious choices and were increased from two credits each to three. Math courses must include at least two credits in algebra and geometry. All science courses taken must have a lab

component.

The new requirements will help provide the math and science backgrounds students need for college. In the past, students might learn too late that they didn't have the right courses or a rigorous enough program to qualify for admission to the college they wanted.

"These changes will ensure all students are prepared," Ware added.

Service learning — community service tied to the curriculum — was added to prepare students for higher learning, Ware said. She noted some colleges and universities use service learning as an admission criterion.

In service-learning programs, teachers provide the subject mat-

ter while students identify a community need and brainstorm a curriculum-based solution. Students will use a different subject each year — social studies is their freshman-year subject.

Projects can be group or individual in nature, and students can do as many as they want — but at least 20 hours' worth. Teachers and students initiate the projects, but students drive them, Ware said.

She said research indicates service learning positively impacts students' academic growth, self-esteem and attendance records.

"It challenges students to develop a sense of community and of what it means to be a productive citizen," she said.

## *Frequent flier awards available to DoD employees*

by **Tech. Sgt. Bill Dowell**

Air Force News Service

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — It's common practice in the business world for companies to use frequent flier awards earned by employees to satisfy future business travel requirements.

Most airlines have frequent flier programs, and many hotel and rental car companies offer "tie-ins" to airline programs and

offer their own. These programs allow travelers to earn a variety of awards including free air tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars.

Are people on official Department of Defense travel able to use these benefits?

"Absolutely," said Lt. Col. Jack Tracy, Air Force passenger transportation section chief. "Travelers may use awards earned while on official govern-

ment travel for future official travel requirements."

Defense Department travelers must follow policies and procedures outlined in travel regulations and use good judgment in selecting travel services. Companies having contracts with the government, such as "city pair" carriers, must always be a traveler's first choice.

A "city pair" carrier is one with a government contract to fly official travelers between two common destinations, such as San Antonio to Washington. Travelers making carrier selections based solely on awards being offered is inappropriate, say travel officials. It is never permissible to use awards earned on official travel to upgrade to first class, add officials. Under certain restrictive conditions, it is permissible to upgrade accommodations

to "other than first class." "If there are only two classes on a flight, which is the way almost all flights are in the U.S., you cannot upgrade," Tracy said. "But most international flights have three classes of travel."

Even though awards may not be used for most upgrades, they can save the Air Force money by being used for free flights, rental cars or hotel accommodations. A traveler on official orders must be authorized off-base accommodations or use of a rental car to use these awards, said Tracy.

The guideline to be followed outlined in the Joint Travel Regulation is: "Frequent traveler program credits earned on official travel may not be used for personal travel."

If a traveler combines personal and official travel in the same awards program, be sure to keep

good records that clearly distinguish personal and official credits, said Tracy.

Official travelers may keep payments or credits issued by an air carrier when "bumped" from a flight. They may retain these benefits for personal use as long as they voluntarily vacate a seat, say travel officials, adding, travelers must never volunteer to vacate their seats if doing so hampers the temporary duty mission. No additional per diem or associated costs will be paid if giving up a seat causes a delay in travel.

If a frequent traveler elects to participate in any of the awards programs being offered, it pays to maximize credits going to one program, said officials. For example, join the airline program that services the majority of the "city pair" routes you fly and always ask the hotel and rental car companies you are using if they offer credits in your airline program.

Tracy said the bottom line is to understand both travel regulations and policies, and frequent travel programs to maximize the DOD's travel budget policies and guidelines.

For more information call your local travel management office, or check the regulations online at <http://www.perdiem.osd.mil>.



# A look at Air Force drug testing

by Tech. Sgt. Jeannine Kepner  
Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Many people question the random nature of the Air Force’s Drug Testing Program, especially if they are “tagged” several times in a short period of time. Master Sgt. Steven V. Heffelfinger, Air Education and Training Command Substance Abuse Program manager, addressed some common questions about the program.

### Random testing?

It wouldn’t be random or effective if you were exempt from subsequent testing once you provided a sample, said Heffelfinger. “In fact, think about the consequences if everyone, once selected, knew they wouldn’t be called again for a specified time frame. Since everyone, regardless of rank, position or previous donation is susceptible for selection each testing date, this makes the program not only random, but an effective deterrent.” The days of the last digit of the Social Security number method and many other techniques are gone. Today the Air Force uses the automated software known as the Air Force Drug Testing Program. The program was first developed by the Navy and then adopted for Air Force use. Many agencies including the Department of the Navy, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Audit Agency, and the Drug Testing Program Legal Consultant have approved the legality of this test.

The program assigns a random number, using the random tools within the software, to each person in the database based on the threshold percentage. This percentage is arrived at with monthly quotas, expected test days, and prior no-shows in mind. For example, say the threshold percentage is 3.95 percent. The program then takes each name on the roster one by one, generates a random number between 0 and 1, and begins selecting the required number for testing. If the random number for the name falls between 0 and .0395, that name is on the list to be tested. Each individual receives a new random number each testing day. Picture a huge machine with 5,000 floating Ping-Pong balls. Each ball is in the mix and all have an equal chance of being selected, similar to the names for drug testing, for that week’s pick. All of the balls are then put back into the machine and become eligible again for the next lottery.

### Increased testing?

Base quotas are mandated by the Department of Defense and Air Force testing officials. Effective Oct. 1, 1997, the DoD requirements increased testing to 75 percent.

“This is a significant increase from past testing levels,” Heffelfinger adds. “For example, a base population of 5,000 would require a testing of 3,750 samples annually. This calculates to 937 quarterly or 312 per month.

Additionally, Air Force Instruction, Drug Abuse Testing Program, requires the program manager to test at least eight days a month. This is a notable change to the previous, more predictable pattern of drug testing and is another reason your name may come up more often.”

### Something a little less humiliating?

“Urinalysis testing is the only method approved for use within the DoD for random drug testing,” said the program manager. “Additionally, most of the drugs metabolize quickly from the blood, making it more difficult to detect drug use over the long term.

“This is similar to testing blood for alcohol level. For example, a person’s blood alcohol level may be substantial if tested soon after suspicion of driving under the influence, but the body will metabolize the substance from the blood and several hours later result in a different reading. The same holds true for illicit drugs which are quickly metabolized from the blood. Urine will hold the active drug longer; therefore, making urinalysis a more practical method in detecting drug use.”

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## SCOREBOARD: Recreational league softball

Recreational League: Number of games vary due to AFRL forfeiting out of the league and rainouts. Rain outs will be made up at the end of the season.

Team:	W	L			
AC	2	0	AW	2	1
MIT/LL	3	1	MC	1	1
BAND	3	2	CDC	1	3
DI	2	1	SC	0	2
			AAFES	0	3



# Office changes, reorganizations, building swaps: *Where is everybody?*

by Celeste Brooks  
66th Air Base Wing

A number of 66th Air Base Wing and Electronic Systems Center units will move to Bldg. 1305, the Brown Building, starting in July. Bldg. 1305 is located near the Hartwell gate.

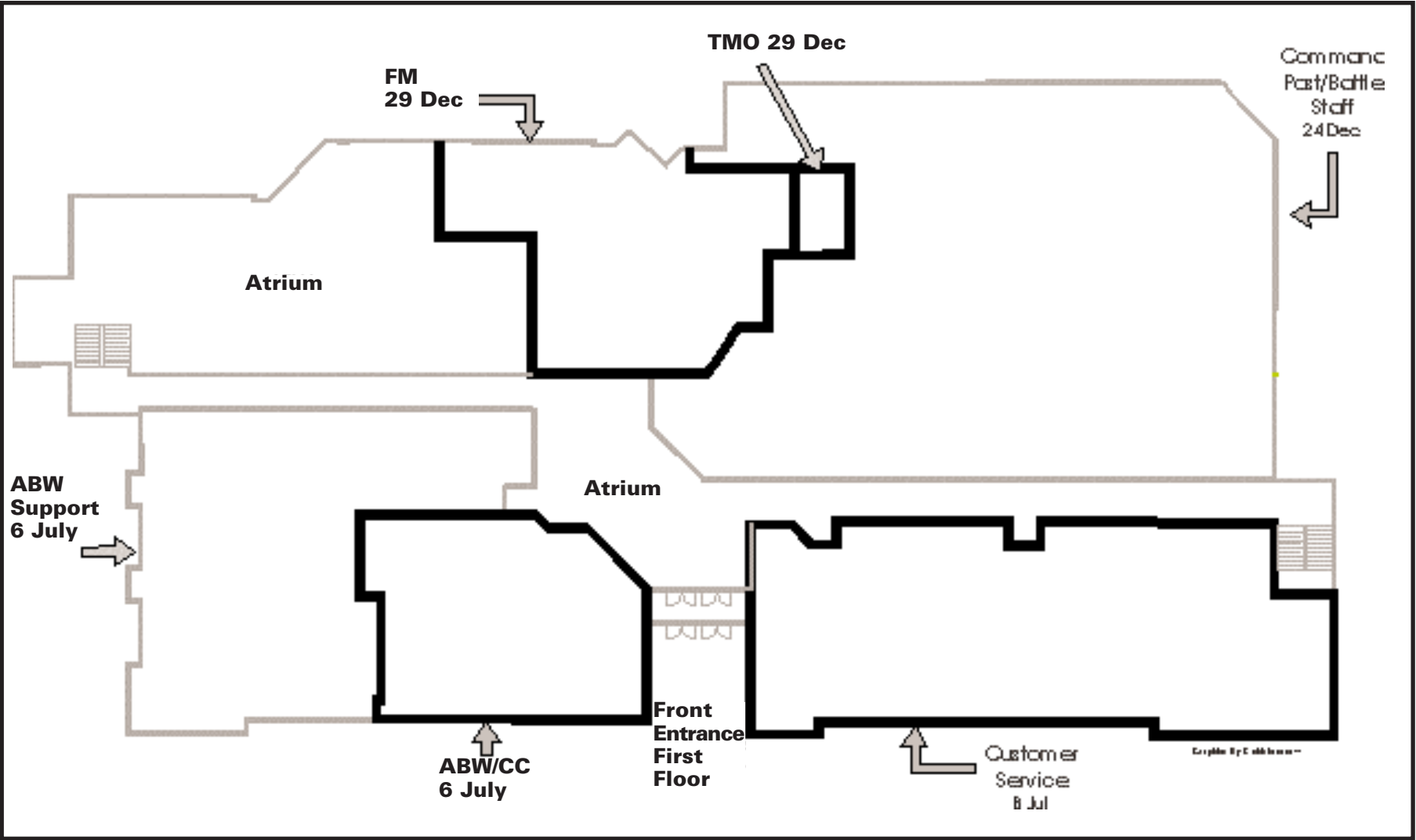
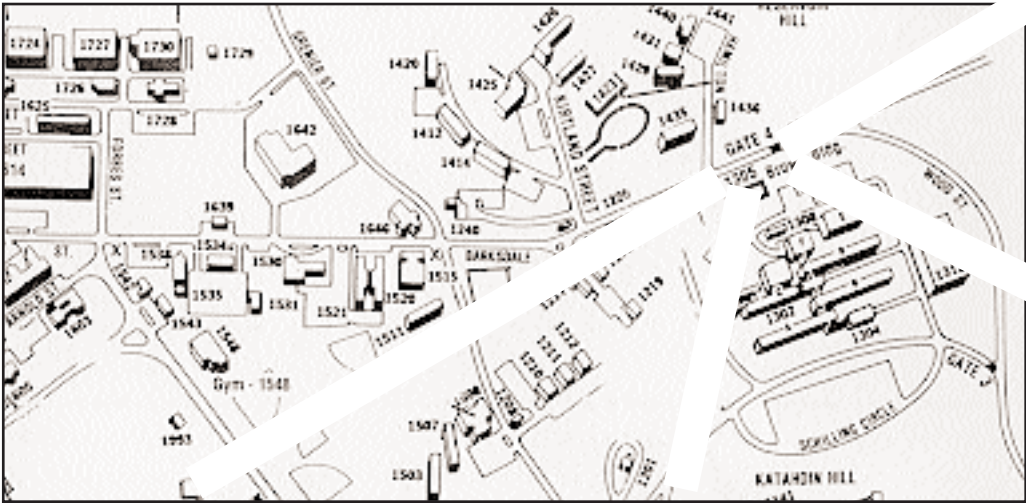
"This move will further develop the acquisition campus and the support campus," said Col. Matt Jackson, the acting 66th Air Base wing commander. "Bldg. 1600 will become acquisition space, and all of our customer service activities will move to Bldg. 1305, creating a one-stop customer service center."

Although many phone numbers will change, some phone lines are moving with the organizations. Commanders' numbers will remain the same, as will the ABW com-

mand section phone numbers, fax numbers, customer service numbers and widely published numbers. The Personnel Finder on CenterNet and the Global Address List are accessible through Outlook and will be updated on a continual basis throughout the moves.

The day a unit moves, and the day after, personnel will be hooking up their computers and making sure the phones work properly. Some customer services may be delayed or unavailable so customers should plan accordingly.

"We'll have people helping us hook our phones and computers back up, but obviously things are going to be rocky for a few days. We ask you to please be patient with us on the day we move and even a few days after that," said Jackson.



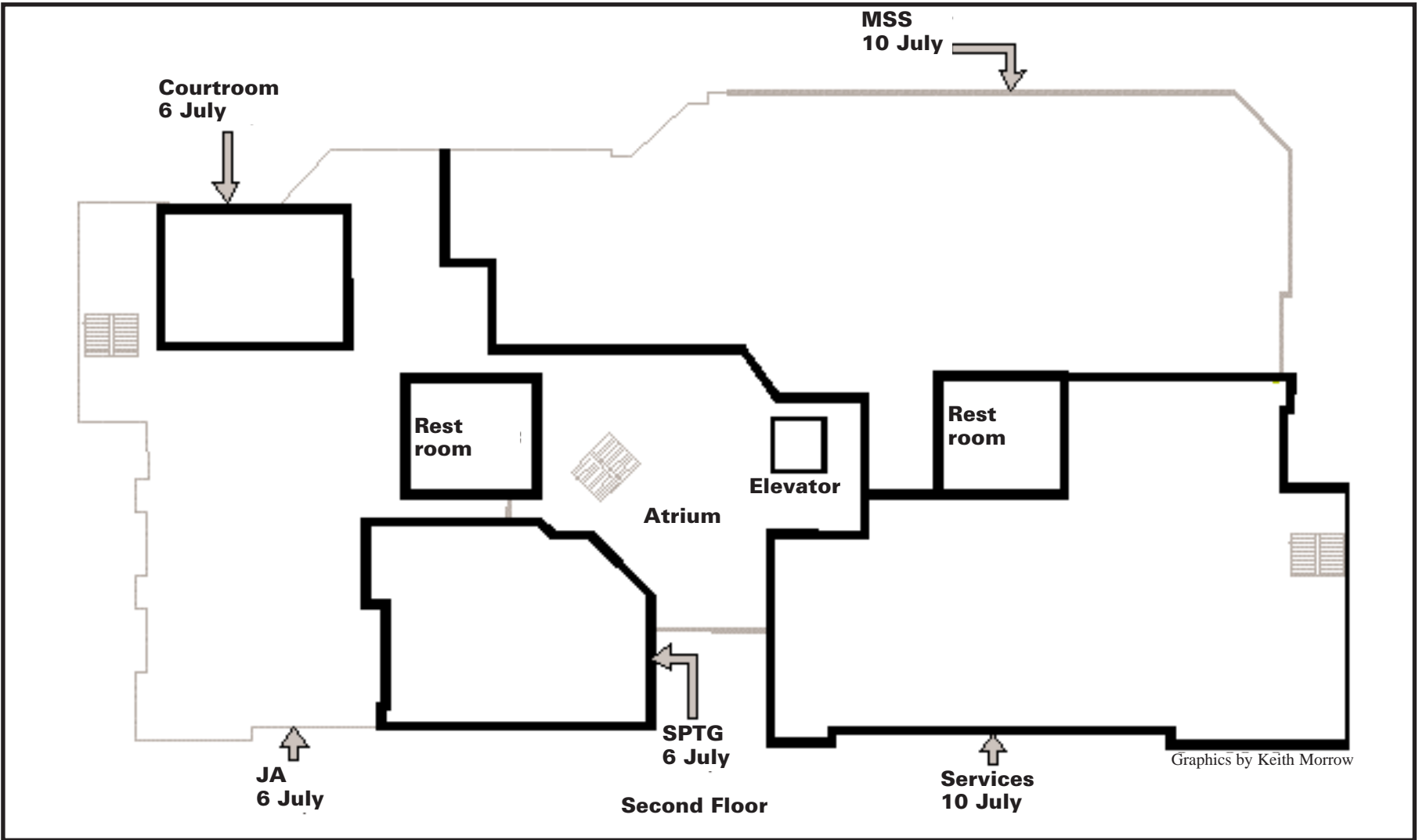
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The following is a list of the organizations and their moving dates and destination points for Phase I:

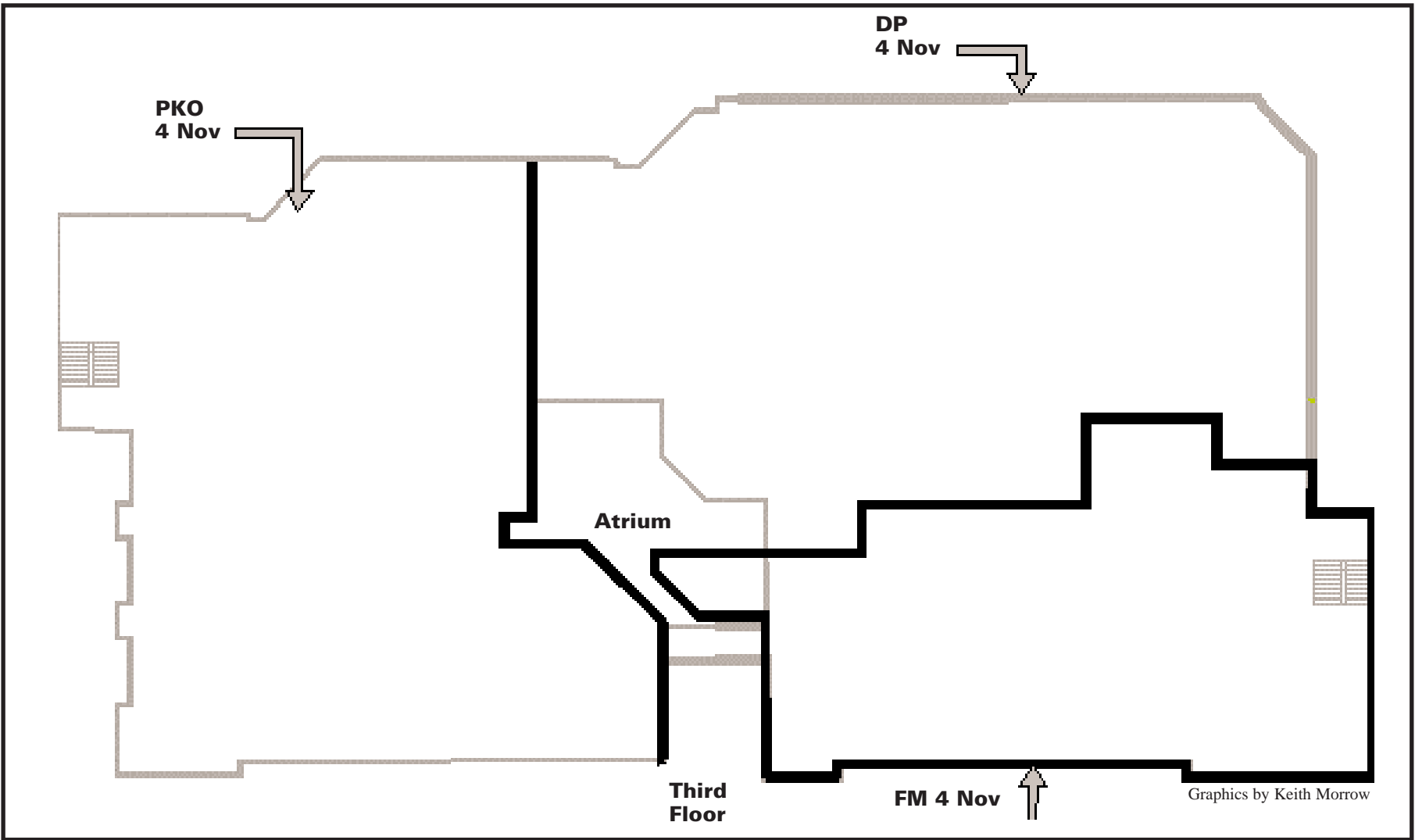
66 ABW	—	July 6	—	Bldg. 1305, first floor
66 SPGT	—	July 6	—	Bldg. 1305, second floor
ABW/JA	—	July 6	—	Bldg. 1305, second floor
MISTS	—	July 6	—	Bldg. 1305, first floor
Customer Service*	—	July 8	—	Bldg. 1305, first floor
SPTG/MSS	—	July 10	—	Bldg. 1305, second floor
Services	—	July 10	—	Bldg. 1305, second floor
ESC/DIA	—	July 13	—	Bldg. 1600
SPTG/SC	—	July 15	—	Bldg. 1302F

\* The Customer Service section includes Pass and I.D., vehicle registration, the Retiree Affairs Office, and the MSS Orderly Room.

Phase II will begin at the end of this year, with PKO, DP, FM, TMO, and ABW/XP moving to 1305; the Audit Agency moving to 1520; and ESC/DIB moving to 1600.



Second floor of Bldg. 1305



Third floor of Bldg. 1305



# Calendar of Events

## Upcoming

### Retirement

A retirement ceremony will be held for Master Sgt. William E. Howe Jr. from the Shelter Technology Office, Theater Force C2 Systems Program Office July 31 at 2 p.m. at the Mitre M building.

Contact Thomas Guttadauro at 186-8733 if you would like to attend.

### Retirement

Master Sgt. Angela M. Patterson, Chief, Resource Management, Global Air Traffic Operations Mobility C2 Systems Program Office, is retiring from the Air Force.

A ceremony will be held in her honor at 10 a.m. July 10 in the atrium in Bldg 1630.

Contact Linda Dias, 3-9102, for more information.

### Retirement

MILSATCOM Terminal Programs wishes to announce the retirement of Major Kyle K. Holmquist. The ceremony will be July 28 in the MITRE M-Atrium at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Capt. Joseph L. Stupic at 186-6339 for more information.

### Volunteer opportunity

The public affairs office is looking for 20 motivated individuals to share the Team Hanscom spirit with special needs and veterans groups July 31, during this year's practice air show.

Each volunteer will meet a group of special guests at the base gates, guide them to reserved parking areas and hospitality tents, and help them have a safe and enjoyable air show experience.

To volunteer, please contact 1st Lt. David L. Englin at 3-5078.

### Pharmacy "Medication Sweep"

On the weekend of July 18, the Hanscom Clinic Pharmacy will be conducting a "medication sweep" of base housing. The "medication sweep" is intended as an extension of our care for all your health and medication needs by providing a safe way to dispose of old or expired prescriptions. The ambulance crew will start collection rounds in base housing at noon hours and will continue until 1 p.m.

If you have any questions call Molly Dietrich at 3-3101.

### Softball game rescheduled

The Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game will highlight a list of events July 17 starting with an opening ceremony scheduled for 12:55 p.m. on field 1.

Immediately after the ceremony, the first game between the Company Grade Officers' Council and the Patriot Enlisted Association will start.

The game between the Chiefs and Eagles will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The presentation of trophies will follow the Chiefs vs. Eagles game.

Lunch will be available at noon-courtesy of a cook-out sponsored by the PEA. All proceeds from the cook-out will go to help support the Enlisted Widows Home.

### Developers Conference

The DII Program Office will be holding an AF DII COE Developers Conference July 14 and 15 at MITRE 1S100. The first day session (half day) will be for newcomers to the DII COE environment.

On the second day (full day), briefings will provide more detail and technical information. When the final agenda is set, it will be posted on the AF DII COE home page. Registration for the Conference will be on line at that same

web address.

If you have any questions, contact Vickie Barry at 3-8129 or Kevin Gunn at 3-2516.

### Tax season continues

The Retiree Activities Office will continue to offer tax assistance to all eligible personnel throughout the summer and fall months.

Although most taxpayers won't need additional help, some might need to file late returns, amended tax returns, and estimated taxes.

Assistance with Massachusetts tax returns is also available.

Tax assistance will be available by appointment only.

Call the Retiree Activities Office at 3-2476 for an appointment.

### 66th SPTG announcement

Due to a unit function, the 66th SPTG Communications and Information Division will not be accepting public address set ups for the July 10.

Arrangements can be made to sign out small public address systems for that day if needed.

Please call 66SPTG/SCMR at 3-6709 or 3-2174 if you have any questions.

### Housing office closure

The Family Housing office will be closed every Tuesday at 2:30 for Staff Meeting and Training. Any

emergencies please call 3-4590.

If you have any questions contact Kim Kintzel, Housing Manager at 3-3387.

### Civil Engineering Environmental Flight

Household hazardous waste turn-in is from 8 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday.

This turn-in is available for both on-base residents and base organizations. For information contact 1st Lt. Brian MacDonald at 3-4888.

### Antiterrorism Training

This training is mandatory for all personnel.

AFOSI Detachment 102 is still conducting required Level 1 Antiterrorism Training. All DoD personnel traveling outside the United States for personal or professional reasons must receive this training within six months of travel.

Family members traveling on official orders must also have this briefing. Sessions are being conducted at Detachment 102 and Mitre M.

Check the AFOSI section of "FYI" on the IAN or call 3-4605 for details.

### Computer Based Training has arrived at Hanscom

The SC Training Office provides many computer based training

courses to all government personnel assigned to Hanscom.

This program will allow you to download a training course to your computer and take the course at your convenience. Currently the office has over 100 courses available covering areas such as Windows NT, Microsoft Office, UNIX, and Networking fundamentals.

To establish an account contact the SC Training office 3-4274.

### Service reunion

Amy Air Corps units of AIC will reunite Sept. 16 through 18 in Hyannis, Cape Cod, Mass.

For information, contact:

John D. Baldasare  
23 Wager Lane  
South Dennis, Mass.  
02660-2612  
(508) 385-4820

### Palace Chase/Palace Front

There are currently openings in the Georgia Air National Guard, Brunswick area for electronics and mechanics.

In addition, because unit strength is doubling there is an immediate need for tactical air command and control specialists. Retraining is possible for interested applicants.

Call Master Sgt. Kelly Smith at 1-800-743-9231 or DSN:860-8004/5 or email at [ksmith@gasav.af.mil](mailto:ksmith@gasav.af.mil)

## Patriot Dining Facility

The weekday hours of the facility are as follows:

Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m.

Weekend and holiday hours:

Brunch — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m.

### Today

Lunch: barbecue chicken  
Supper: short order menu

### Saturday

Brunch: vegetable tetrazzini  
Supper: breaded pork steak

### Sunday

Brunch: Reuben sandwich  
Supper: pasta with clam sauce\*

### Monday

Lunch: barbecue pork cubes, chicken enchiladas\*  
Dinner: Parmesan chicken\*, mostacoli with basil sauce

### Tuesday

Lunch: vegetable quiche\*, Szechwan beef\*

Dinner: knockwurst with sauerkraut, turkey loaf\*

### Wednesday

Lunch: beef enchiladas, Mexican chicken\*

Dinner: vegetable chow mein, roast turkey \*

### Thursday

Lunch: grilled ham, corned beef \*  
Dinner: Polish sausage, Grilled mustard chicken breast\*

Items listed with an "\*" are "Check it Out" Healthy items. For information on the Patriot Dining Facility or the menu, contact Master Sgt. Harold Warnett at 3-2189. NOTE: Menu items subject to change.

## Colonial



## Theater



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**FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. GODZILLA** - The Pacific Ocean churns, Giant footsteps plow an ominous path through miles of Panamanian forests and beaches. Ships off the U.S. coast capsize. This mysterious destruction is headed toward Manhattan. An enormous creature they've named GODZILLA descends upon New York City, causing complete chaos. **PG-13** (sci-fi monster action and violence) **118 min** Starring: **Hank Azaria & Matthew Broderick**

**SATURDAY 7:30 p.m. U.S. MARSHALS** - Tommy Lee Jones returns to his FUGITIVE role as relentless U.S. Marshal Samuel Gerard. The fugitive in this action suspense thriller is Wesley Snipes, a secret government operative falsely accused of two murders. **PG-13** (some scenes of violence and brief language) **125 min** Also starring: **Wesley Snipes**

**SUNDAY 7:30 p.m. THE BIG HIT** - Four foolish guns for hire kidnap their employer's beautiful goddaughter, a Japanese heiress with connections to the Mob. They soon find they have committed one crime too many. The hit is now out on them. **R** (violence, pervasive language, some sexuality) **93 min** Starring: **Mark Wahlberg & Lou Diamond Phillips**

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.

# Happenings

## Hanscom Primary and Middle School 274-7721 and 274-7720

□ The Hanscom Primary announces that beginning in October it will offer **full-day Kindergarten** for those children who will be five years old before Oct. 1. If you have any questions call the Hanscom Primary School at 274-7721.

## Employment Assistance

□ **Spouse Employment Assistance** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday through Friday, call for appointment. The Career Focus Program Manager will assist spouses with career planning, part-time and full-time employment, long distance job search, resume writing, and job interviewing skills. Call Jacqui Thomas at 3-4222 for an appointment.

□ **Job Search Networking Group** will be held at the Family Support Center on Mondays, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to explore career and job options, obtain leads on employers and job opportunities, and market yourself effectively. Share your ideas with other career changers.

## Fitness enhancement

□ The **Healthy Living Class** will be held at the Health and Wellness Center Tuesday and July 14, 21, and 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. Learn to become a better health care consumer and learn how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Please call the Health and Wellness Center to sign up for this class.

□ **Intro Training** for Unit Fitness Program Managers and Fitness Assessment Monitors will be held at the Health and Wellness Center on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the Health and Wellness Center to register.

□ **Weight Management through Diet and Exercise** will be held at the Health and Wellness Center on Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. The key to attaining and maintaining optimal weight is through healthy eating and regular exercise.

## Parenting

□ **Divorced/Separated Parents' Group** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A monthly support and education group for parents dealing with divorce or separation. Both emotional and practical issues are discussed, including coping mechanisms for yourself and your children, stages of grieving and healing, and starting over. Facilitated by Patricia Marquis, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. Call 3-4222 to sign up.

## Relationships

□ **Coping With Temporary Separations** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. A monthly information and support group for spouses of deployed, TDY, or remote tour service members. Call 3-4222 to sign up.

## Work and life

□ **Sponsor Training** will be held at the Family Support Center on Tuesday from 8 to 9 a.m. Learn what to expect, what is expected of you, and what base resources you can use to ensure our incoming service personnel and families have a smooth move to Hanscom. A prerequisite for all sponsors. Call 3-4222 to sign up.

## Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 3-2021

□ The Education Center will administer the PRAXIS Exams July 15. Individuals interested in taking the exam must register by Wednesday. Order exams and schedule appointments through Education Services at 3-3120.

□ Due to changes in the ACT Proficiency Exam Program, the last date to order ACT-PEP exams is Wednesday. Individuals who order these exams must test by Aug. 13. DANTES is negotiating with another contractor and testing on these exams will resume in the fall. Order exams and

## Religious Activities

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

- **Catholic masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.
- **Protestant worship:** General Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
- **Jewish services:** The first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Eastern Orthodox** information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 3-2263.
- **For information** on chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

schedule appointments through Education Services at 3-3120.

□ **Education Center Summer Exam Hours:** There will be no testing at the Education Center during the weeks of July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3. Additional exam sessions have been added to compensate for this period. Test sessions will be held Wednesday, and July 15 at 12:30 p.m., and Aug. 19 at 12:30 p.m.

In the event of a scheduling conflict please contact education services at 3-3120.

## Thrift Shop, 274-8079

□ The **Minuteman Thrift Shop** is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted from DoD-ID card holders every Thursday and Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Minuteman Thrift Shop is located next to the commissary. All profits are donated to charity and the shop is managed and operated by members of the Officers' Wives' Club and Enlisted Wives' Club. For information, call Laurie Hand at 274-9061 or Kelly Comeau at 274-0646.

## Civil Engineering

□ **The base recycling program contractor** will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 3-1582.

Leave the building number and location of the carts on your message.

Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon Tuesdays will be sent to the contractor for pickup the next week.

## Patriot Enlisted Association

□ The association holds its monthly meetings the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. The meeting is open to all enlisted ranks. For information call Senior Airman Matthew Knoll at 3-3024.

□ **Softball Game**, PEA vs. CGOC, tentatively set for today at noon. Players wanted, no experience needed, just fun for all. For information call Senior Airman Matthew Knoll at 3-3024.

## Company Grade Officers' Council

□ Questions or comments? Call President 1st Lt. Craig Parisot 3-6980 or Vice-President 2nd Lt. Marty Mears 3-2673.

□ Check out our new intranet web site. It is at <http://129.53.165.193/public/Dropoff/Mears/cgoc/index.htm>, and is accessible only within Hanscom. This site will serve primarily as a functional site for Hanscom's CGOs. This means it will contain current events, dates, and information. We'll even post event photographs.

This site is for Hanscom CGOs, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Mears.

# People's Corner

## Airborne Warning Control Systems (AW)

The AWACS Team welcomes **Capt. Damon Swope, Ken Taylor, Alexandra Campbell, Brooke LeClair, Capt. Jim Mullin and Capt. Mark Connell**. Welcome aboard to all of you!

Farewell and best wishes to **Lt. Col. Chris Worsowicz** and **Capt. Joe Edwards**. We'll miss you!

Happy birthday wishes to **Capt. Eric Ellmyer, Trina Andreasen, Capt. Gran Wong, Rickie Prentice, Sue McGowan, Capt. Ruben Rios (JTF-Seattle), Karen Monroe, Thad Russell, Lt. Col. Frank Lane, Paul Scoville and Capt. James Katrenak!**

## Defense Information Infrastructure -Air Force (DI)

Congratulations to **Bob Lenciewicz** on his 30 years with the government.

Congratulations to **1st Lt. Fred Millet** on his recent promotion. Congratulations to DI's Civilian of the Quarter-**Mary Nobles** and DI's Contractor of the Quarter-**Thomas Gryder**. Welcome to new summer hire, **Daniel Marshall**. A belated farewell to **Rich Hilliard**. Happy birthday to **Rick Desautels, Kathy Doto, Bob Lenciewicz, Maj. Dave Thomas, Kim Selway and Yau Wu Tang**. Happy 25th Anniversary to **Claire and Tom Murphy**. Welcome back to **Jim Manely** after his attempt at climbing Mt. Everest. Congratulations to **Christina Desouza** and her husband on the birth of their new baby girl, **Vera**.

## Global Air Traffic Operations Mobility C2 (GATO/MC2)

Congratulations to **1st Lt. Darren**

**Edmonds** and **1st Lt. Loreen Lisle** on their promotion. Good bye and good luck to **Capt. Robert Dias** on his new assignment.

Happy birthday to **Julie Carey, James Larue, Allorria Harris, Marie Miller, Gail Oliver, Maria Thornton, Jack Kennedy, Kevin Kelliher, John Gunter, Cynthia Freud, CDR Fernald, John Clark and Fred Britton**.

## Information Operations (IY)

Congratulations to **1st Lt. Philip E. Carpenter, Maj. Barry L. Yacabucci** and **1st Lt. Branislav Zivojinovich** on receiving their Level II in Program Management.

Congratulations also to **Capt. David Desjardins and Maj. Barry L. Yacabucci** on receiving their Level II in SPRDE certification.

Best wishes to **Lt. Col. Quentin**

**Trumble** on his retirement from the Air Force.

Happy birthday to **Polly Curran, Angie Fedukowski and Isaac Stevens**.

## 66th Medical Group(SG)

The 66th Medical Group would like to wish a happy birthday to **Tech. Sgt. (sel) Milton Schmidt** and **Staff Sgt. Thomas Martin**.

We would like to send out a belated happy birthday to **Master Sgt. Linda Schmidt, Tech. Sgt. Hank Corning, and Airman 1st Class Floyd Thomas**.

The 66th Medical Group would like to congratulate **Capt. Nicole Decolibus** on her recent promotion.

We would also like to send out a warm welcome to **Airman Tina Davis, Airman Nicole Jones and Airman Corey Sullivan**.





# Services

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## Auto Hobby Shop

**Bldg. 1702, 3-2612**

□ **Discount Car Wash Tokens.** Does paying \$3 for a \$5 car wash sound like a good deal to you? Now get 4 car wash tokens for only \$10 or 10 for only \$25. Regularly \$5 each. Now on sale in most Services Facilities.

□ The Auto Hobby Shop provides engine analyzing and front end alignments. Call now for an appointment.

□ Get a **free** car wash token with every state inspection sticker!

## Outdoor Recreation

**Bldg. 1531, 3-5316**

□ **Reminder:** Anyone wishing to rent boating equipment from Outdoor Recreation must present a certification card from any water safety course upon rental. Call today to check on the next **boat and water safety course**.

□ **Batting cage** team specials are available at our Mini-Golf sports complex. Little League and softball teams may rent cages for half hour or hour increments. Call 3-7861 for details.

□ The **Mini-golf complex** is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Book your birthday parties and office functions now for a great time!

## Hanscom Library

**Bldg. 1530, 3-2177**

□ **Story Time** for children takes place every Thurs. from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us for stories and craft activities.

□ Our summer reading program "**Take Flight ... Read**" runs through Aug. 28. All children ages toddler to 13 may participate. Prizes will be awarded. **Book Busters** Summer Reading program is also taking place. Participants may get coupons for free games of bowling and shoe rental at Hanscom Lanes and be eligible for other exciting prizes!

□ The library now participates in the Recorded Books ordering and

leasing program. We will be receiving new titles on a quarterly basis. See our display in the front of the library!

## Fourth Cliff, (1-800-468-9547)

□ Celebrate Independence Day at Fourth Cliff beginning July 3 with the **Bob Sylvia One Man Band** at 7:30 p.m. and the **Crazy Hat Contest** during intermission. July 4 is **Kid's Day** with a flag raising ceremony, parade and refreshments. On Sunday, July 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. we will have a **puppet show**. Then at 7:30 dance to **DJ Bob Caldeira, "The Man of Many Hats"**.

□ July 7 is Seashore Adventure Camp from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Youth Center

**Bldg. 1993, 3-3739**

□ **Youth Center Memberships.** Did you know it's only \$25 a year to join the Youth Center? Get in on the fun at a price that's affordable.

## Fitness and Sports

**Bldg. 1548, 3-3639**

□ The Fitness and Sports Center offers 12 **aerobic classes** each week. Stop by or call for schedule and details of class levels and times.

□ **Taekwondo** classes are Mon. and Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes are free and open to all personnel.

□ **Therapeutic Massage** is now offered at the Fitness and Sports Center. Sessions are available from 6 a.m. to noon on Mondays. Cost is \$50 per hour or \$30 per half hour.

## CDC, Bldg. 1994, 3-7166

□ **Hourly Care.** Looking for hourly care? Then call and let us tell you about our program. We're open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday.

□ **Caregiver positions** are available. For more information call the Human Resource office at 3-8741.

## Family Child Care

**Bldg. 1994, 3-1280**

□ Love working with children? Want to be your own boss and set your own hours? Then give the Family Child Care office a call and learn more about becoming a Family Child Care provider.

## Hanscom Lanes

**Bldg. 1531, 3-2237**

□ **Bowling Bingo** runs daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Win up to \$1,000! Only \$1 per chance.

□ **Glow In the Dark Bowling** on July 11 and 25. Enjoy the lights, sounds and excitement. Only \$18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free shoes! Call for reservations.

□ **Teens Rock and Glow in the Dark Bowling**, July 8 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$10 per person, ages 13 to 18, includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental and two slices of cheese pizza and a medium soda.

□ **Junior Bowling Spectacular** July 18 for ages 13 to 18. \$10 includes two hours of bowling, snacks and soda.

□ **Mixed Couples Novelty Tournament**, July 17 at 7 p.m. \$10 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded.

□ July 17 is Cow Appreciation Day at the **13th Frame Snack Bar**. We will have veggie burgers for only \$1.

□ The **Just Kids** summer bowling program, ages 5 to 12, begins July 7. Don't miss out on the fun this summer. Register today by visiting your base bowling center.



\$25 for each additional child. For more information call Hanscom Lanes at 3-2237. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn a great sport and have fun!

**Brunswick**

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

## Club Happenings

**2nd Annual Club Scholarship Contest deadline is July 15. Sponsored by Air Force Services and the First National Bank of Commerce**

## Patriot Enlisted Club, 3-2123

□ **Steak Night** every Tuesday! Menu includes cole slaw, baked beans, onions and mushrooms, potato salad and beverage. \$8 for members and \$11 for eligible non-members. Children's menu available for \$4.50.

□ **Wednesday Night Buffet** is 5 to 7 p.m. This is the best deal in town! \$6.95 pp for members, \$3.95 for kids. Surcharge applies.

□ Enlisted Club lunch buffet will move to Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. beginning July 7. Enjoy great food at a great member's price!

□ **Karaoke** July 9 and 23 from 7 to 10 p.m.

□ **Boss 'n Buddy** is July 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

□ **Odds -N- Ends** live, July 25 beginning at 9 p.m.

□ Club Drawing every Friday night beginning July 10. **Win instant cash** from the last four numbers of your club card. You must be present to win. If there is no winner, the pot will increase by \$25 each week.

## Officers' Club, 3-3799

□ Join us for **Steak Night every Thursday** from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

□ **Club Catering Services** are available for that special party or function. Call Karen Cardoos at 3-9694 for more information. Call now to reserve your holiday functions!

□ **TGIF Membership Night** is July 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sing with Laurie Beth and enjoy a special surprise.

□ **Homemade Burger Bar** every Thursday in July! The lunch special includes chips or fries, a beverage and the salad bar for only \$4. Surcharge applies to eligible non-members.

□ **Monthly Sunday Champagne Brunch** is July 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy eggs (cooked to order), carved beef and ham, champagne, chicken nuggets and burgers for children. Open to all ranks and family members. Surcharge applies. \$9.95 for adults, \$5 for kids 6 to 12 and free for 5 and under.

## Discover New England and more with Tickets and Tours!

Tours, plays and more! **Beauty and the Beast** at the Wang Center in Boston; Aug 9 at 6:30 p.m., \$48-\$50; Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. for \$62.50 and Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. for \$69 while supplies last! All performances are orchestra seating. Limited amount of tickets available for **Mass Bay Lines Rock Cruises** on Thurs. at 7 p.m. and **Blues Cruises** on Wednesday for 6:30 p.m. departures. Tickets are \$4 (\$15 value). **Taj Mahal Casino and Resort**, Sept. 1 to 3; \$149 per person double occupancy, \$209 single and \$145 per person triple. **Maine Lobster Bake** at Bill Fosters, July 16, \$42 per person. **Vermont Country Tour**, Aug. 9 to 10; \$142 per person double occupancy, \$180 for a single and \$140 per person for triple occupancy. **Branson Country Music Spectacular**, Sept. 6 to 16; \$999 per person,

double occupancy. Viva Las Vegas, Nov. 9 to 13; \$499 per person, double occupancy. **Myrtle Beach Escape**, Sept. 19 to 25; \$539 per person, double occupancy, \$659 for single. Space is limited on all tours so sign up early! Do you have your **Hanscom window decal** yet? If not, stop by Tickets and Tours and purchase one for only \$2. Show your pride and spirit for **Team Hanscom**! Check out our postcard selection of Boston and the surrounding area. We also sell phone cards ... a great gift or summer vacation travel convenience. 50th Anniversary Commemorative candy tins are on sale at Tickets and Tours for \$3 each. For details and more information call Tickets and Tours at 3-3262.

## Fitness Center offers something for everyone

The Fitness and Sports Center offers a wide variety of sports items for purchase. Boost your energy level with a Power bar, Steele bar or Nutrigrain bar. To calm a thirst, the center offers a variety of drinks, Gatorade, water, Super shakes or a Blue Thunder. Like to listen to music while working out? Headsets and batteries are a hot item. A large variety of athletic wear is also available, including TEAM HANSCOM warm-ups, sweats and T-shirts.



The Fitness and Sports Center resale operation offers a variety of athletic needs.

## It's not too late to register for the youth summer bowling league!

Registrations are still being accepted for this summer's "Just Kids" bowling program. Play begins Tuesday and runs through Sept. 1.

The registration fee covers three games of bowling and shoe rental each week, instruction, towel, T-shirt, rule book, and valuable

coupons. Bowlers also have a chance to win exciting prizes like the new Brunswick "Target Zone" bowling ball, a bowling bag, or a Birthday Party package worth \$30.

Children ages 5-15 or all base personnel are eligible to participate. Registration is \$30 for the first child and